



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Department of Transportation
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	24VAC30-620-10
<b>Regulation title</b>	Rules, Regulations, And Rates Concerning Toll And Bridge Facilities
<b>Action title</b>	Increase in toll rate structure for the Dulles Toll Road
<b>Final agency action date</b>	February 17, 2005
<b>Document preparation date</b>	March 14, 2005

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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

The Metrorail system is being expanded into the Dulles Corridor. The financing plan calls for the Commonwealth of Virginia's share of the project to be financed through a loan from the Federal Government and the issuance of revenue bonds. The loan and bonds will be secured by excess toll revenue generated by the Dulles Toll Road. The toll rate schedule is being increased to provide a level of tolls to adequately cover the debt service on the loan and bonds. The average trip will increase in 2005 from \$0.75 to \$1.25.

Changes related to the renaming of the Suffolk District to the Hampton Roads District, as well as to the conversion of the FasToll electronic toll collection system to that of the Smart Tag/E-ZPass system are being made. The Toll Facilities Administrative Directors, in consultation with District Administrators, are being delegated authority to suspend toll collection operations on toll roads.

Specific changes are discussed below:

Page 1, 24 VAC 30-620-10: revise references to Dulles Toll Road, Powhite Parkway Extension Toll Road, and George P. Coleman Bridge as shown. Add reference to "Innovative Finance and Revenue Operations Division. Eliminate Administrative Process Act citation sentence.

Page 2, 24 VAC 30-620-30: Revise first sentence in (A) as shown referring to Dulles Toll Road Toll Facilities Administrative Director's authority to suspend tolls in consultation with the Northern Virginia District Administrator and delegate the authority further.

Page 3, 24 VAC 30-620-30: Replace current Dulles Toll Rate Structure table with new one. Add "2-axle" as shown in Footnote 1.

Page 3, 24 VAC 30-620-30: Revise first sentence in (C) as shown referring to Richmond Toll Facilities Toll Facility Administrative Director's authority to suspend tolls in consultation with the Richmond District Administrator and delegate the authority further.

Page 4, 24 VAC 30-620-30: Add "2-axle" as shown in Footnote 1 for current Powhite Parkway Extension Toll Road rate structure table in (D).

Pages 4-5, 24 VAC 30-620-30: Revise first sentence in (E) as shown referring to George P. Coleman Bridge Toll Facilities Toll Facility Administrative Director's authority to suspend tolls in consultation with the Hampton Roads District Administrator and delegate the authority further. Update reference from "FasToll" to "Smart Tag/E-ZPass" in Footnote 1 in (F).

### Statement of final agency action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

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Two public meetings were held in Reston and Leesburg prior to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting, and the CTB also received public input and comment at the end of the workshop on 2/16 and prior to the beginning of the 2/17 meeting. VDOT received written comments as well. The Virginia Department of Transportation's CTB, on February 17, 2005, approved changes to 24 VAC 30-620-10, Rules, Regulations, and Rates Concerning Toll and Bridge Facilities, specifically the Dulles Toll Road's Toll Rate Schedule to increase tolls, on an average, from \$0.75 to \$1.25.

### Family impact

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

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There is no impact on the institution of the family or on family stability as a result of this regulatory action.